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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 1998 Applicant's provide the following remarks. Applicant's wish to thank the Examiner for the careful review of the instant application and claims in preparation of the action to which this paper is responsive.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claim 59 as follows:

59. A composite masonry block suitable for use in forming straight and serpentine retaining walls having a set back from course to course, said block comprising:

a) a block body and an integral locator lip formed in a mold with generally vertical sidewalls, an open top and an open bottom seated upon a generally horizontal flat pallet, by a process comprising the steps of:

i) filling the mold via its open top with a masonry block mix comprising sand, aggregate, and cement;  
ii) vibrating the masonry block mix within the filled mold;  
iii) compacting the masonry block mix within the mold by the action of a compression head pushed down on the masonry block mix through the open top of the mold,

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